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Dear Friend of Flaming Gorge:

You are invited to comment on a request from Cedar Springs Marina, located on the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area in Daggett County, Utah, about one mile east of Highway 191. The proposal is to extend the power supply line 1/4 mile from the present transformer location to a cove north of the transformer (map enclosed). The cove is within the scope of the marina operation and is necessary for dock reconfiguration resulting from the drought. Power is necessary for security lighting and dock utilities.

The preferred power line installation would be below ground which would require a narrow ditch of 4" to 12" in width and up to two feet in depth from the present transformer location to the new distribution box. The electrical cable would be buried in the ditch connecting the transformer to the distribution box. This option may be precluded by subsurface rock, which would require the power line to be suspended above ground via four to six poles. The distribution housing would be placed above the high water line adjacent to the dock system

Minimal equipment will be used for the short length of line, which will include a tractor for laying subsurface line or handling the poles. Materials and equipment, including a bucket truck, will be moved onto the site via existing roads. Minimum disturbance is expected by actual construction. The few trees removed will be salvaged or piled and burned in the winter. Disturbed areas will be reseeded and erosion control measures may be applied.

It is expected that the proposed project will provide adequate power for eastside marina operations through the duration of the drought. If this configuration proves more suitable than the previous arrangement the permit would be amended to reflect the improvement.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Flaming Gorge. We welcome your comments and ask that you send them to Eileen Richmond District Ranger, at the address above, or email them to erichmond@fs.fed.us. If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact Bill Goosman at (435) 781-5282. To be most useful in our analysis, your specific comments are needed no later than April 4, 2003. Please note that comments received become part of the public record and can be released to others upon request.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Map





